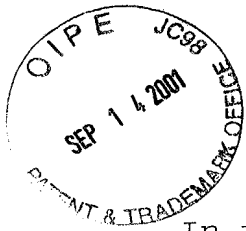


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PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED

APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

On 25 March 1999, applicants filed International Application PCT/FR99/00691, which designated the United States, and which claimed priority of earlier French Application No. 98/04064 filed 26 March 1998. A Demand was timely filed on 6 October 1999. Accordingly, the The 20-month period for entering the United States as an Elected Office pursuant to 37 CFR 1.495 expired at midnight on 26 September 2000. Since none of the elements required for entry into the national stage under 35 USC 371(c) were filed by that date, the International application became abandoned as to the United States on 27 September 2000.

Petitioners hereby state that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply

until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional.

Accompanying this petition is a proposed response, which includes all the elements required for entry into the national stage under 35 USC 371(c) namely: a copy of the international application (in French) and the basic national fee.

Applicants hereby claim small entity status.

The requisite 37 CFR 1.17(m) petition fee for a small entity in the amount of \$620 is authorized to be debited from counsel's Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that International Application PCT/FR99/00691, which unintentionally became abandoned as to the United States, be revived under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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